

REMARKS

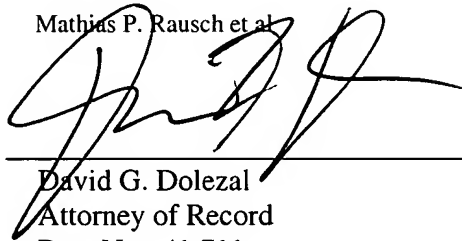
The abstract is being amended. Claims 2 and 8 are being canceled. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-10 are pending. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-10 are being amended.

The case is believed to be in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If there is any issue that may be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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